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Retirement of the Manager of the Hindupur Municipality.

* 379 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kondappa: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Municipal Council of Hindupur passed a resolution on 16th March 1931 that the permanent manager of the office should retire from service;

(*b*) whether the Chairman, Municipal Council, issued orders directing the retirement of the permanent manager from service;

(*c*) whether the Accountant-General, Madras, raised any objection to the retirement in question on the ground that no Government sanction was obtained;

(*d*) whether the Council at its meeting held on 10th August 1931 cancelled the resolution referred to in (*a*) above;

(*e*) whether the Chairman has given effect to the resolution of the Council, dated the 10th August 1931, and restored the permanent manager to office; and

(*f*) if the Chairman has failed to restore the manager to office, whether the Government propose to take action and see that the manager is restored to office without further delay?

A.—(*a*) In the resolution referred to, the Council while revising the scale of pay of the manager permitted the then incumbent to draw Rs. 100 from 1st April 1930 on the understanding that he will retire from service from 1st April 1931.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information except that there was some correspondence on the subject between the Chairman and the Accountant-General.

(*d*) The Council modified the resolution in so far as it related to the retirement of the manager.

(*e*) & (*f*) No. The Government consider that the resolution was in excess of the powers of the Council and have asked the Council to show cause why it should not be cancelled.

Proposed construction of a new road connecting the Bombay road with the Ranipet-Kolar road.

* 380 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a mahazar was received by him from the villagers of Puttur near Sembarayanallur, Gudiyattam taluk, North Arcot, protesting and adducing reasons against the proposed new road to connect the Bombay road with the Ranipet-Kolar road;

(*b*) why it was not proposed to improve the old connecting road;

(*c*) what would be the relative cost of laying a new connecting road and of improving or broadening the existing connecting road; and

(*d*) whether the laying of a new road would require the acquisition of wet lands on which the villagers depend for their living?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) An extract of the report obtained from the President, District Board, North Arcot, is given below:—

"The old connecting road consists of many sharp curves. The road width is only that of a third-class road (in many places barely 30 to 33 feet in width). Even if this road is taken up, a realignment will have to be made to avoid the sharp curves and also to acquire lands on either side for forming the full width for a trunk road. There are also avenue trees planted on both sides, the rows being not far apart to admit of a trunk road being formed. One line of avenue trees will have to be cut down. Further the line passes within the home signal limits of the Tiruvalam Railway Station which would mean that the gates will be closed for long periods when the train has been signalled, or, worse still, when goods trains stop at the station and shunting operations take place. There are also a large number of road dips which will have to be converted into culverts if this alignment is to be decided on. The proposed new alignment will be 2 miles 3 furlongs shorter in length than the existing road. This also means less cost in the shape of bridges and culverts to be constructed and savings in the maintenance cost."

(*c*) The relative cost of the alternative routes has not yet been worked out in detail but from the investigation made so far, it is reported that the cost of the formation of the new road would be much less than the cost of improvements to the existing road.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether, in view of the answer to clause (*d*), it would not be advisable to incur the slightly extra cost of repairing the old road rather than constructing a new road?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"That aspect will be considered when the question is decided."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Am I to understand that no definite opinion has been formed on the question?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"It is still pending with the District Board and we are awaiting their report and suggestions."

Memorial from the villagers of Kandimallayya Palli for conversion of certain foot-paths into metalled roads.

* 381 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any monster petition from the villagers of Kandimallayya Palli through the trustees of the Mutt of His Holiness Jagadguru Pothuloori Veerabrahmendra Swamulu